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**Subject:** First FSM Citizen Appointed to the U.S. Air Force Academy and Second FSM Citizen Appointed to the U.S. Naval Academy

Trisha Johnson, who graduated on May 21, 2006 from Pohnpei Adventist School, has been selected for an appointment to the United States Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, Colorado. Trisha is the oldest daughter of Dr. Okai Johnson, Anesthesiologist at Chuuk State Hospital, and Mrs. Emihner Johnson, Financial Specialist for FSM Department of Health Services, both of Pohnpei.

Byron Silbanuz, who graduated on May 21<sup>st</sup> of this year from Pohnpei Adventist School, has been selected for an appointment to the United States Naval Academy in Annapolis, Maryland. Byron is the oldest son of Bernard Mendis, Information System Manager for FSM Telecommunications Corporation, and Phyllis Silbanuz, IT Division Chairperson and Assistant Professor at the COM-FSM Pohnpei Campus.

Trisha Johnson is only the Fourth FSM citizen to be accepted by one of the United States Service Academies. The first was Okean Ehmes, who attended the United States Coast Guard Academy in New London, Connecticut. The second was Byron Silbanuz, currently a midshipman at the U.S. Naval Academy and the third is Eugene Amor, who earlier this year received his appointment to the U.S. Naval Academy.

FSM Citizens interested in applying for admission to one of the five U.S. Service Academies can contact the FSM Department of Foreign Affairs or the U.S. Embassy for additional information.

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